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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (REFERENCE)

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SUBJECT: ASMARA ABDUCTION

REFERENCE: STATE 169249

1. RE HISTORY OF HOSTAGES FALLING INTO HANDS OF ELF/PLF (REFTEL), BELIEVE RECORD SHOWS THAT GHINDA KIDNAPPING OF NURSES IN MAY 1974 WAS DELIBERATE ACT. INSURGENTS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE INTENDED TO ABDUCT A DOCTOR TO HELP DEAL WITH WHAT THEY BELIEVED TO BE AN EPIDEMIC IN WESTERN ERITREA, BUT SETTLED FOR TWO NURSES WHEN THE INTENDED VICTOM ESCAPED.

2. PARA 1 REFTEL CONSISTENT WITH INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE. WHILE TWO GROUPS ARE BELIEVED TO BE COOPERATING TO A LARGE EXTENT ON THE GROUND, THEIR DIFFERENCES REMAIN PROFOUND, AND EACH UNIT IS RETAINING ITS IDENTITY AND ITS SPONSORS.
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